

NAE Current Readiness Cross-functional Team Takes Next Steps to Improving Naval Aviation Readiness in Fiscal Year 2011

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SAN DIEGO, CA (08/26/2010) More than 170 Navy and Marine Corps senior Naval Aviation Enterprise (NAE) Current Readiness Cross-functional Team (CR CFT) leaders held a Current Readiness Summit in San Diego, Calif., Aug. 23-26 to review best practices, discuss systemic issues and chart the way forward for Fiscal Year 2011.

The CR CFT is a collaborative group of subject matter experts and decision makers who address fundamental change in the way Naval Aviation resource requirements are determined, managed, coordinated and prioritized.

The summit was the next step toward implementing actions to improve current and future naval aviation readiness in a cost-wise manner outlined by the NAE Extended Air Board during an earlier meeting on Aug. 11.

In his keynote speech during the opening plenary session, the Executive Director for Commander, Naval Air Forces, SES Jim Beebe, said that the solutions developed by the CR CFT would play a major role in the way the NAE supports Naval Aviation readiness requirements in a fiscally-constrained environment. "Your efforts are helping Naval Aviation move in the right direction and improving how we use limited resources," he said.

"The CR metrics are found throughout much of Naval Aviation's business. The metrics and data have served us across the entire gamut, to include aircraft, flight hour, maintenance and support costs," he said.

The next step, he said, is to be more predictive of Naval Aviation readiness and costs.

Beebe also asked summit attendees to professionally develop junior service members. "We have a responsibility to mentor those who stay in the Navy and Marine Corps. The health of the Enterprise depends on it," he said. "We are disciples responsible for keeping the NAE on this journey."

NAE CR CFT leaders exchanged information about future operating, maintenance and personnel budgets; operating and support costs; transitioning to the Defense Readiness and Reporting System; Program Objective Memorandum 12 funding strategy and end strength; manpower distribution; allocation and readiness; technical training demand signals; cost trends; legacy platform transitions; enterprise activities at the squadron level; and understanding total ownership cost during the four-day event. Attendees also review their action items for the next fiscal year.

Additional work on naval aviation readiness in FY 11 will be conducted by NAE CR sub-teams and other NAE CFTs. Two groups will meet in September for their look-ahead to

FY11: the Maintenance & Supply Chain Management sub-team, the part of the CR CFT which is responsible for providing oversight to maintenance and supply processes and policy; and cross-functional team directors, coordinators and action officers.

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